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Overview

This bill would modify the definition of “annual or annually” for family child care training requirements, change the requirements for license holders to post correction orders, and clarify that correction order quotas are prohibited. The bill would also require the commissioner of human services to inform affected license holders of applicable changes to statutes, rules, or policies, and would require the commissioner of human services to provide an annual report to the legislature on the status of child care in Minnesota, beginning February 1, 2018.

Section

- 1 **Annual or annually.** Amends § 245A.02, subd. 2b. Adds an exception.
- 2 **Annual or annually; family child care training requirements.** Adds subd. 2c to § 245A.02. Specifies that “annual” or “annually” for the purposes of section 245A.50 (family child care training requirements) means the 12 month period beginning on the license anniversary and ending the day prior to the anniversary.
- 3 **Requirement to post correction order.** Amends § 245A.06, subd. 8. Requires the commissioner to issue an amended correction order and requires the license holder to post the amended order, if the commissioner reverses or rescinds a violation in a correction order upon reconsideration. Requires the license holder to remove the original posted correction order if the correction order is rescinded or reversed in full upon reconsideration.

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4 **Child care correction order quotas prohibited.** Adds a subdivision to § 245A.06. Prohibits the commissioner and county licensing agencies from mandating or suggesting quotas for issuing correction orders to any person responsible for licensing or inspecting child care centers or family child care providers.

5 **Information for child care license holders.** Proposes coding for § 245A.1434. Adds the commissioner's duty to timely inform family child care and child care center license holders of changes in federal and state statute, rule, regulation, or policy, relating to child care, child care assistance, child care quality rating and improvement, and licensing functions, in order to promote license holder compliance with changes. Allows notice via electronic means, requires the commissioner to make the notice available to the public online.

6 **Report to legislature on the status of child care.** Proposes coding for § 245A.153.

Subd. 1. Reporting requirements. Requires the commissioner of human services to provide a report on the status of child care in Minnesota to the chairs and ranking minority members of committees with jurisdiction over child care, by February 1, 2018, and February 1 thereafter.

Subd. 2. Contents of report. Requires that the child care report include the following:

- (1) summary data on trends in child care capacity and availability;
- (2) description of any changes to statutes, rules, or policies and procedures;
- (3) description of actions DHS has taken to address or implement the recommendations of the Legislative Task Force on Access to Affordable Child Care, including:
 - (i) encouraging uniformity in implementing and interpreting statutes, rules, policies, and procedures relating to child care licensing;
 - (ii) improving communication with county licensors and child care providers;
 - (iii) providing notice to child care providers before issuing correction orders or negative licensing actions relating to recently changed statutes, rules, or policies;
 - (iv) implementing confidential communication processes for provider questions;
 - (v) streamlining processes to reduce duplication and training and paperwork requirement overlap; and
 - (vi) compiling and distributing information detail trends in violations resulting in correction orders and negative licensing actions;
- (4) description of DHS efforts to cooperate with counties; and
- (5) summary data on CCAP, including state funding and number of families served.

Subd. 3. Sunset. Section expires February 2, 2020.